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REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

Subject: AMENDMENT TO PRELIMINARY DRAFT REPLY TO QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER
E-000431/2025 - João Oliveira (The Left) 'Guaranteeing the continuation of UNRWA's work in Palestinian territories illegally occupied by Israel'

Delegation - Author: Portugal

Place: First paragraph

Amendment:

There is no clarity over the consequences of the Israeli legislation on UNRWA's capacity to fulfil its mandate in the occupied Palestinian territory. ~~Nonetheless, the Council expressed its deep concern in this regard and condemned any attempt to obstruct UNRWA's essential role to provide crucial support to the civilian population, both in Gaza and the wider region. While the full extent of the consequences of the Israeli legislation on UNRWA's capacity to fulfil its mandate in the occupied Palestinian territory is not yet clear, the Council expressed its deep concern in this regard and condemned any attempt to obstruct UNRWA's essential role to provide crucial support to the civilian population, both in Gaza and the wider region.~~ Continued implementation of the UNRWA Action Plan is key¹²³.

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¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/jhlenhaj/euco-conclusions-19122024-en.pdf>.

² <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/2pebccz2/20241017-euco-conclusions-en.pdf>.

³ https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/ist_012025_progressreport_01202025.pdf.

Justification:

Although there are still uncertainties regarding the full consequences of the Israeli legislation pertaining to UNRWA, it is already clear that the said legislation is having serious impact on UNRWA's work and operational capacity. Furthermore, there are previous statements by the High Representative Kaja Kallas¹² expressing concern over the far-reaching consequences of the Israeli legislation on UNRWA. While these statements were made in her capacity as High Representative, it would be advisable to ensure consistency in the EU's messages regarding the matter at hand.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/israelpalestine-statement-high-representative-kaja-kallas-entry-force-unrwa-legislation_en

² https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/israelpalestine-statement-high-representative-voting-israeli-parliament-regarding-unrwa-operations_en